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1. DCM CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ MARCH 11 TO CONVEY POINTS IN REFTTEL. FON SEC EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION AND SAID THRUST OF US INITIATIVE BASICALLY IN ACCORD WITH GOP THINKING. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT US EFFORTS WOULD HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN.

2. REFERRING TO TEXT OF NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED BY SOMALI GOVERNMENT TO FRIENDLY EMBASSIES IN MOGADISCIO ON MARCH 9, SHAHNAWAZ SAID SOMALIS ARE ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE AND BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS. NOTING THAT US POSITION DID NOT MENTION CEASE-FIRE, FON SEC ASKED THAT USG BE URGED TO PRESS FOR THIS AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO PROTECT OGADENIS FROM REPRISALS AND "GENOCIDE" DURING WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES.

3. SHAHNAWAZ ALSO NOTED POINT IN DCM'S PRESENTATION THAT ANY
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AUTHORIZATION OF U.S. SUPPLY "IS CONTINGENT ON SOMALI COMMITMENT TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA AND KENYA." HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. OBJECTIVE AND DID NOT QUARREL WITH IT, BUT WONDERED IF AT THIS DELICATE TIME WE WOULD NOT BE UNDULY HUMILATING

SOMALIA BY INSISTENCE ON PUBLIC RENUNCIATION OF LONG-HELD GOS POSITIONS

AS PRE-CONDITION FOR MUCH NEEDED ARMS. FON SEC ASKED IF USG WAS DRAWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN US-SUPPLIED AND THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFERS. WERE LATTER TIED ONLY TO "FIRM GURANTEES THESE WILL BE USED ONLY INSIDE SOMALIA'S INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDERS" OR WOULD SOMALI COMMITMENT TO INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA AND KENYA ALSO BE REQUIRED?

4. ELABORATING ON STANDARD GOP THEMES ON SOMALIA AND HORN, SHAHNAWAZ SAID DURING RECENT VISIT OF YEMENI VICE PRESIDENT LATTER HAD EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S GRAVE CONCERNS OVER ITS OWN FUTURE AND THAT OF SAUDI ARABIA AS RESULT OF SOVIET SUCCESSES IN THE HORN. WHILE RECOGNISING THAT THE US FACED DIFFICULT POLICY CHOICES IN SOMALI-THIOPIAN CONFLICT, FON SEC REITERATED OFT-EXPRESSED GOP BELIEF THAT THE US HAD BEEN COMPLACENT AND INSUFFICIENTLY VIGOROUS IN DEALING WITH SOVIET ADVANCES IN AFRICA. HUMMEL

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